

The HUB

The Official Newsletter of American Fork City



Enhancing Our City Through PARC Tax

What is the PARC tax in American Fork?

Since 2015, PARC funds have enabled American Fork City to further enhance the quality of life for our residents. Through the PARC tax, one tenth of one percent (0.1%) of the City's sales tax goes back into the community to fund parks, arts, recreation, and culture (P.A.R.C.). That means for every \$100 dollars spent at a business in American Fork, The City collects \$.10 in tax. While that may not seem like a lot, over the years it has added up. To date American Fork City has been able to invest over \$6.4 million in PARC funds back into the community. The PARC tax program is a voter approved initiative that will last until 2023 unless residents decide to renew the program through a public ballot.

PARC Projects in Our Community

Many residents may not even notice just how many enhancements they have benefited from thanks to PARC funds. A 2019 survey reported that only 47% of our community has recently seen, read, or heard anything regarding PARC program. But PARC funded projects have taken place in virtually every part of American Fork. We have added hundreds of benches, tables, cans, and trees in parks throughout AF. We have added playgrounds, bathrooms, parking lots, pickleball courts, and shade structures at our pool. With PARC

funds we were able to add an entire park, Meadowview Park, complete Art Dye Park, and provide residents with our first ever dog park, Easton Dog Park. Additionally, we have added art exhibits, statues, and hundreds of cultural performances. People have enjoyed plays, bands, choirs, concerts, and pageants from youth and adults, all funded in part by PARC funds. 60% of all funds to date have gone towards parks and recreational activities while 40% have gone towards art and cultural events. The next time you are at a park or attending a performance, look around for the PARC logo. You may be surprised just how often you see it.

PARC Award Recipients

PARC funds are a precious and vital resource and are not given out frivolously. Groups must apply for funding. Applications are reviewed by an advisory board created by the City Council. The board consists of seven volunteer citizens of American Fork City who evaluate applications give recommendations on the best use of funds. The advisory board makes recommendations to the City Council for final approval of the award recipients.

For more information and a complete list of PARC fund recipients visit www.afparc.org.

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Office Numbers

Administration	801-763-3000
Public Works.....	801-763-3060
Library	801-763-3070
Fitness Center.....	801-763-3080
Senior Center.....	801-763-3090

Non-Emergency

Police	801-763-3020
Fire & Rescue.....	801-763-3045

On-Call / After-Hour

Water/Pressurized	801-404-1253
Sewer/Storm Drain	801-404-7167
Streets	801-404-1255
Garbage	801-924-8500
Street Lights	801-814-4311



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From the Mayor's Desk

Our community has been challenged to come together and help each other in ways we would never have anticipated through the COVID-19 pandemic.

With much progress made in curbing the spread of the disease, I am heartened to see residents of American Fork finding ways to look out for each other and care about our overall well-being. That fostering of community spirit is a trait I love about living in American Fork.



2021 is presenting some new challenges to our area with the severe drought we are experiencing. While we live in a desert and will always be careful with water, we don't know of any other time we were in an "exceptional drought" category before Spring even began. Right now, American Fork Canyon water flow is less than 30% of historical averages and is expected to go down from there. Governor Cox has issued two State of Emergency Declarations of drought for our area.

This spring, I joined with mayors from nearby Utah County cities to ask residents to wait to water until May 1st. That two-week postponement alone saved American Fork City over 160 million gallons of water. Thank you, residents, for your efforts to save water! It was a huge effort by not only residents, but also businesses and large water users like the school district and local churches. We even held off watering our city parks.

We can keep up the great community effort by continuing our conservative water usage. If everyone cuts back watering by only 20%, our city could save $\frac{3}{4}$ of a billion gallons of water, a huge saving of our shared natural resource. Basic common-sense principles we can apply are to:

Adjust water clock times – reduce your watering times based on weather and temperature.

Spot water – hand water spots that are dried out rather than running the whole system longer.

Adjust mower height – the hotter the temperature, the longer your grass should be.

I ask that we come together as a city and help conserve our water. The community spirit we share can make a difference as we voluntarily cut back on water usage. We can do it together.

Talk Shop With a Cop

Domestic Violence Power and Control

Last month's Talk Shop article focused on the cycle of domestic violence that can take place in a relationship. This month's article will focus on the domestic violence power and control wheel.

Many times, the behavior in a domestic violence or dating violence relationship is about control. These behaviors can take many forms. For example, many times victims are subject to isolation where they are cut off from family, friends, and other potential sources of help and support. Another form of abuse comes in economic abuse, where the offender may control and deny free access to financial resources, give a partner an "allowance", make the victim ask for money, take the individual's paycheck, or prevents the victim from seeking employment. One of the powerful ways an offender may attempt to control a victim is by using the children. This is harmful to the children and the spouse. The offender may use the children to make the victim feel guilty, threaten to take the child away or restrict access, alienate the children from the parent, or by using visitation to harass and threaten the victim. Another common tactic to abuse a partner is to minimize, deny, or blame the victim. This can include denying the abuse took place, not taking the abuse seriously, telling the victim they deserved it or caused the abuse, etc. The items listed above are not meant to be all-inclusive, but simply give some examples of abuse and inappropriate behavior that can take place in a relationship.

The improper use of power and control techniques is wrong and should not be tolerated by the victim of the behavior. AF Police

Department have found that many individuals who would like to learn how to deal with a domestic violence situation are reluctant to voice this need in a public setting. Because of this, our City's Victim Advocate team coordinated with Utah Valley University to develop a series of videos addressing domestic violence. The videos can be viewed in privacy at americanfork.gov/DV, and provide the viewer with a starting point for understanding and putting a stop to domestic violence.

American Fork City Police also provides other resources to help victims of domestic violence including our Victims Services department. Victim Services provides help with crisis support, criminal justice support, safety planning, domestic violence education and information, and more. Residents can contact a Victim Advocate at 801-763-3020 ext. 250, or ext. 238.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, know that you are not alone and that there are many others who are going through similar challenges and there are resources to help you. Please contact one of our Victim Advocates who are trained to help, or one of our officers if you need assistance or have questions.

You are encouraged to contact the police department if you have any questions; e-mails may be sent to policetalkshop@americanfork.gov or alunt@americanfork.gov. Depending on the number and type of questions received, your question may be answered via the city newsletter, e-mail, or phone call.



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The **Emergency Rental Assistance Program** can help renters who are unable to pay their rent and utilities due to circumstances related to COVID-19. Applicants can apply at rentrelief.utah.gov starting March 15, 2021.

AF History: Gristmills

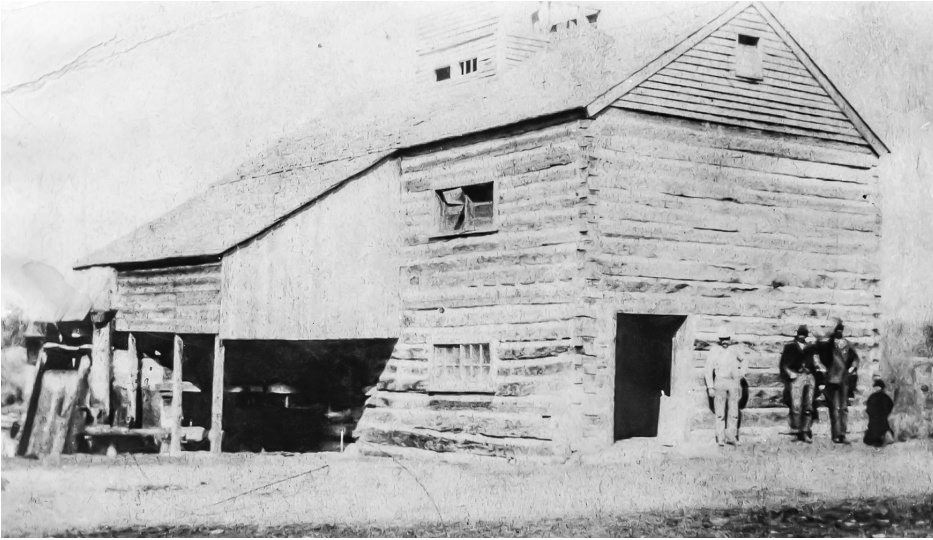


Image of an original Arza Adams gristmill that was located near 50 East and 200 North.

Just as water is necessary to exist, so was the gristmills for our pioneer ancestors. As the pioneers settled in the Salt Lake Valley in 1847, one of their main concerns was getting a gristmill built. Flour supplies were hundreds of miles away and they needed to be self-sufficient. Settlers came from all walks of life and countries and their trades and talents varied, so there were builders and millers that could help in this respect. The flour gristmills were located on the different waterways of the area and were powered by the water to turn the millstones which ground wheat to flour, and every community usually had their own flour gristmill or shared with another nearby town.

Gristmills in American Fork:

As American Fork was settled, Arza Adams was the first to build a mill. It was located near the area where Centennial Park (300 South and Center Street) is today. In honor of this first mill, a replica was made by Dan Adams, a descendant of Arza, and was placed in the park. As the Fort was being erected in 1853, Arza moved his mill and added more machinery to it so he could mill fine flour. This location was outside the fort walls to the north (200 North and about 50 East). On 2nd North, there is a monument honoring this mill and was placed there by the Timpanogos Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers in 2012. One of the original millstones sits on the top of this monument. Other mill stones from Arza's mills are located at the American Fork cemetery near Arza's gravesite.

In the early 1880's, Arza Adams built another flour mill about a mile north of his old mill which placed it out of town (about 900 North and 200 East). William D. Robinson



Arza Adams' gravestone located in the American Fork City Cemetery.

purchased this mill later and ran it until 1899. His sons ran the mill a few years after that and then sold to John Crooks. A year after John Crooks bought it, the mill burned.

The Allen Mill was operating in about the same area, north of town. A fire burned it down and in 1888 the Chipman Mercantile Company bought the mill site and built the Star Roller Mill (600 North and about 150 East). This mill was remarkably successful. Fire destroyed a part of the building, but they rebuilt. In 1919 the mill was sold to the Peoples Mill & Elevator Company. They built the cement grain elevators on the mill property. William A. Preston and J. Sant Walker bought the Star Roller Mill in 1925. Then they sold it to A. F. Parduhn & Sons in 1931. At some point the mill's name changed to Star Flour Mills. The Parduhn family ran the mill until October of 1979 and at this time closed the mill down forever. Thus ending an era of flour mills in American Fork.

Photo and Information from the collections of the American Fork Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum.



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Summer Tennis Lessons:

For beginning to intermediate players 8 and up
Three sessions to choose from in June and July
Register before it fills!

More information on our website

www.americanfork.gov/recreation

Steel Days:

Sign up for some great Steel Days Activities hosted by the Recreation Department & Chamber of Commerce!

Pickleball Tournament - July 5 - July 8

Kickball Tournament- July 7

Spikeball Tournament- July 10

www.steeldaysaf.com/events

75th Miss American Fork Pageant

This years pageant will be held June 26th at the AF Junior High School. The pageant will start at 7:00pm and admission is \$10. Learn more on [Facebook @missamericanfork](https://www.facebook.com/missamericanfork).

Update on Art Dye Park Roundabout



We are happy to announce the completion of the Art Dye roundabout. This project, which began in March, will now improve traffic flow and safety in and out of the park. Just in time for busy spring recreation programming, you can now access the park and all parking lots from 980 N, 500 E and 550 E.

Alpine Loop Road Construction

UDOT will resurface S.R. 92 over the Alpine Loop from the Pine Hollow Trailhead to U.S. 189 in Provo Canyon. Work will take place in June and early July 2021. In preparation, a segment of the Alpine Loop from the Timpooneke intersection to the Mount Timpanogos Campground will remain closed on Memorial Day weekend through early July.

For more information on construction impacts, visit udot.utah.gov/go/alpineloop

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